



# How to Lodge an Application and What to Expect?

Building a new house or renovating your property is always exciting. However, the Development Application process can sometimes be confusing and overwhelming. That's why Planning NSW have developed [A Guide to the Development Application Process – Small Housing Development](#).

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## Pre-Application Advice

For pre-planning advice on larger or more complex developments, significant developments involving a heritage item or commercial development, you may

